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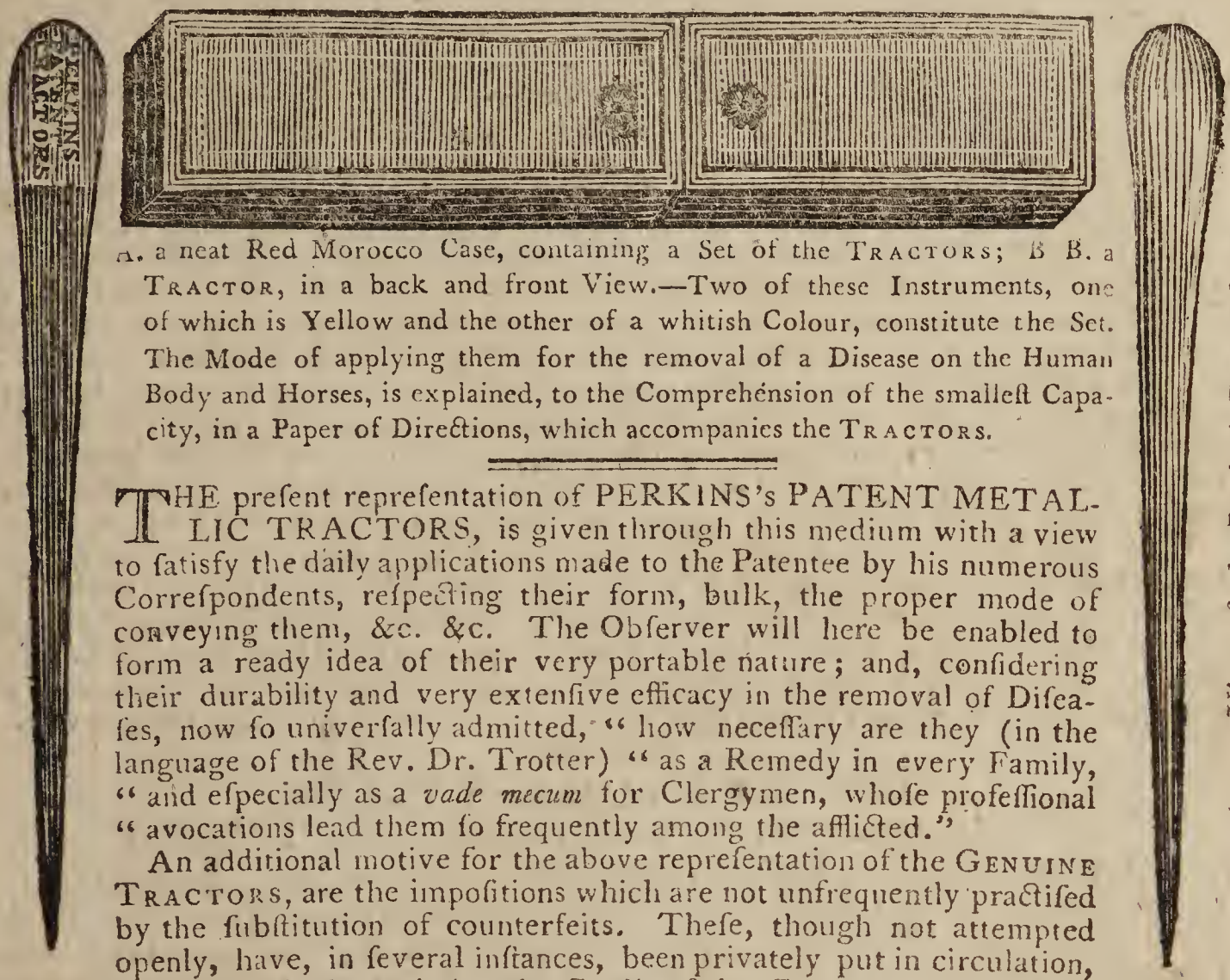

View of the Front or Flat Side.

View of the Back or Round Side.

A. a neat Red Morocco Case, containing a Set of the TRACTORS; B B. a TRACTOR, in a back and front View.—Two of these Instruments, one of which is Yellow and the other of a whitish Colour, constitute the Set. The Mode of applying them for the removal of a Disease on the Human Body and Horses, is explained, to the Comprehénsion of the smallest Capacity, in a Paper of Directions, which accompanies the TRACTORS.

THE present representation of PERKINS's PATENT METALLIC TRACTORS, is given through this medium with a view to satisfy the daily applications made to the Patentee by his numerous Correspondents, respecting their form, bulk, the proper mode of conveying them, &c. &c. The Observer will here be enabled to form a ready idea of their very portable nature; and, considering their durability and very extensive efficacy in the removal of Diseases, now so universally admitted, "how necessary are they (in the language of the Rev. Dr. Trotter) "as a Remedy in every Family, "and especially as a *vade mecum* for Clergymen, whose professional "avocations lead them so frequently among the afflicted."

An additional motive for the above representation of the GENUINE TRACTORS, are the impositions which are not unfrequently practised by the substitution of counterfeits. These, though not attempted openly, have, in several instances, been privately put in circulation, by persons interested in depreciating the Credit of the GENUINE TRACTORS, and consequently occasioning their disuse. As no benefit would be derived from such spurious Imitations, the unsuspecting patient, it has been supposed, would be satisfied of the inefficacy of the Metallic Practice. Such artifices, while they infringe on the right of the Patentee, at the same time defraud the Public; and he must therefore not be thought unreasonably severe in determining to employ the means the Law affords, for the prevention of such abuses in future. As innocent artificers and tradesmen, from not knowing the nature of his Patent, which secures every possible external application of the Metallic Influence in the removal of Diseases, may be led into a violation of the law, by making something of a different shape, &c. it is right to inform them that they are equally liable to damages with their employers.

To guard against Impositions, applicants will please to observe, that every *genuine* Set of Tractors is stamped with the words, PERKINS PATENT TRACTORS; and, which will be the most sure means of detecting frauds, to the printed Directions for their use, which accompany them, is subjoined a Receipt, signed, "BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS," in the hand-writing of the Patentee. To counterfeit this is Felony.

THE TRACTORS

Have been found a safe, speedy, and effectual Remedy in the following Disorders.

Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, including Lumbago and Sciatica, Gout, Sprains, Contusions, Burns, Scalds, Inflammations of the Eyes; also of the Skin, as Erysipelas and Tetters; Painful Inflammatory Tumours, as Biles and Whitlows; Violent Spasmodic Convulsions; as Epileptic Fits, Cramp and Locked Jaw; Pleurisy; Stings and Bites of Venomous Insects, Fluor Albus; Pains in the Head, Face, Teeth, Ears, Breast, Side, Back, Limbs, and all analogous Diseases of Horses.

In proof of the Efficacy of the Tractors in these Complaints, there have been published, by the Patentee, during the last three years, four different works, in which have been presented nearly Three Thousand Cures, communicated by Characters of the highest respectability. The present limits do not conveniently admit of the titles of only the two last of these, which are given, *gratis*, to the purchasers of the Tractors; one was published in January, 1800, and entitled as follows:

Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors.

"*The Efficacy of Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors, in Topical Diſeaſes of the Human Body and Animals; exemplified by 250 Caſes, from the firſt Literary Characters in Europe and America.* Sold, price 1s. by J. Johnſon, St. Paul's Church Yard, London."

The other work above alluded to, publiſhed in April, 1801, has the following Title:

"*Caſes of ſucceſsful Practice with Perkins's Patent Metallic Tractors, communicated ſince January, 1800, the Date of the former Publication.* Sold, price 1s. as above."

As theſe two books are entirely diſtinct with reſpect to their contents (the Patentee never publiſhing one caſe twice) Enquirers are reſpectfully referred to them for a full account of the merits and pretenſions of the Patent Metallic Tractors. In both of them are expoſed to public view the curious artifices of a medical cabal at Bath, which aimed to propagate an opinion that the Tractors cured Diſeaſes by operating on the Imagination of the Patient! It will be readily conceived how effectually that ridiculous attempt was exploded, (although a favourable report on it has been admitted into a *venal* Monthly Journal) when it is known that the Patentee, in reply, immediately adduced ſeveral hundred cures of the moſt unequivocal kind, by the Tractors, on Infants and Horſes, and other Subjects, where, from the nature of the Caſes, Imagination muſt have been equally dead and inactive. Among the Vouchers to theſe facts, in thoſe two Publications alone, are eight Profeſſors in four Univerſities, as follows:— Three of Natural Philoſophy; Four of Medicine; One of Natural Hiſtory. Alſo Nineteen regular Phyſicians; Seventeen Surgeons; Twenty Clergymen, ten of whom are Doctors in Divinity, &c. &c.

Having received ſince the publication of his Book in April, 1801, nearly Three Hundred Caſes from different Parts of Great Britain, beſides thoſe which were inſerted in this Journal a few months ſince, the Patentee will preſent abſtracts of one or two in this place. The peruſal of the firſt upon a Horſe, like very many others, which have been publiſhed, of the ſame character, will ſhew how ridiculous muſt perſons appear who endeavour to perſuade the Public that the Tractors cure Diſeaſes by an operation on the Imagination.

THE REV. JOHN WALTON,

of Sutton, Croſs-Hills, in Craven, Yorkſhire, Auguſt 14th, 1801,

favored the Patentee with a ſeries of experiments with the Tractors. Beſides Cures of RHEUMATISM, CONTRACTION, WOUND from a ruſty nail, BURN, HEAD-ACH, &c. is a

"CASE.—*Violent Sprain and Lameneſs of a Horſe.*—A Horſe belonging to Mr. Slack, Maſter of the White Bear, a reſpectable Inn, at Croſs Hills, received a Sprain of the back ſinews of the near fore leg, which was, in conſequence, lame and exceedingly ſwelled, from above the Knee down to the Foot. A Farrier had tried means without ſucceſs. I then applied the Tractors three times in the courſe of the day, which, by evening, leſſened the ſwelling, and removed in part, the lameneſs. In three days that ſwelling was entirely gone. I then however diſcovered that the principal vein in the breaſt, which leads down the leg, was much diſtended and hard, like a very thick ſtiff cord. The drawing of the Tractors over this vein produced a great effect, as the poor animal trembled exceedingly. Seeing ſo extraordinary an influence, I determined on trying if it would be obſervable alſo in other ſubſtances, and accordingly procured three inſtruments of different metals, ſhaped like the Tractors, and drew them alternately over the vein, in the ſame manner; but the Horſe then expreſſed no ſenſation. On trying the Tractors again the tremor inſtantly returned, and it was with difficulty the Horſe could be held. In about Forty Minutes the vein was diminiſhed in ſize, and conſiderably ſofter. On perſevering in the uſe of the Tractors three days, the Horſe was cured. Mr. SLACK has ſubſcribed his name to this ſtatement in my minute book."

Extract of another Letter from the Rev. J. WALTON, to B. D. PERKINS; *dated, Sutton, Croſs-Hills, October 27,* 1801.

"Of the efficacy of your Metallic Tractors I am, through repeated experiments, more and more ſatisfied. I am not ſurprized that in ſome Caſes they are uſed with but little ſucceſs, as ſeveral things, which I have diſcovered, as mentioned in your printed Directions, prevent their efficacy; viz. oily matter on the part affected, or on the hand of the operator; an improper method of applying them; want of patience to perſevere a ſufficient length of time in their application, and a neglect of repeating it ſo frequently as the Caſe requires; added to theſe, a diſpoſition there will be, from the acknowledged *innocence* of the remedy, to *try* them in Caſes for which they are not pretended to be uſeful.

"I have been amuſed with the conduct of a certain Claſs, who, notwithſtanding they have been eye-witneſſes of the effects of the Tractors in removing Inflammations, *viſibly* reducing Tumors, &c. yet pretend to be *uncertain* whether theſe effects have been produced by the Tractors!!—It is not reflected by theſe perſons that a ſimilar *uncertainty* will be equally rational when applied to all their medicines, externally or internally received. He who has partaken of a good dinner, may with equal propriety be *un-*

certain whether his appetite would not have been juſt as well ſatisfied if he had not eaten. Amidſt all this *pretended* uncertainty and ſome real infidelity, not a few in this quarter are become, by the conſtraint of incontrovertible facts, real converts to the ſurprizing effects of the Tractors. The number of orders you have had from this neighbourhood are pretty good proofs of this. Since my laſt I have performed many important cures, in BURNS, SCALDS, RHEUMATISM, SPRAINS, WHITLOW, FLYING PAINS, TUMORS, TOOTH-ACH, HEAD-ACH, and different AFFECTIONS of the EYES "——[Then follow in his letter ſeveral Caſes, but we have room only for one or two.]

"CASE I.—*Wound from a Sickle.*—A young man ſtruck the point of a ſickle into his leg, which ſwelled much, and, for ſeveral hours, filled him with excruciating pain. I applied the Tractors forty minutes: he ſaid he felt the pain decreaſe every ſtroke, till it became quite eaſy, and the ſwelling was nearly gone. I tractored him twenty minutes more on the next morning, and he was quite cured."

"CASE II.—*Inflammation on the Face.*—The Rev. ABRAHAM GREENWOOD had been troubled with a ſevere Inflammation on one ſide of his Face. This I relieved by one application only of the Tractors, for thirty minutes."

"Well might Dr. Trotter ſay, "No family ought to be without them."—In mine, they are of incalculable utility; and I cannot but have an ardent wiſh to ſee them univerſally introduced, that our ſuffering fellow-creatures may reap the advantage which they do certainly diſpenſe."

THE REV. JAMES MORTON,

Vicar of Riſely, Bedfordſhire, one of the Chaplains in Ordinary to the Prince of Wales, &c. &c. in a Letter of July 27th, 1801, to B. D. PERKINS, *writes*;

"The Tractors I had of you have fully juſtified the good opinion entertained of them.

"CASE I.—*Very violent Contuſion.*—A gentleman of this village, through an accident, fell from a horſe, and received a very ſerious Contuſion in his left Hip. Ten ounces of blood were immediately taken from him, and, on the next morning, an opening medicine was adminiſtered: the uſual embrocations were then conſtantly uſed for ſeveral days, but with very little ſucceſs. The hip continued greatly ſwelled, very hard, with a great tenſion of the ſkin. The pain was without intermiſſion, and attended with a pungent throbbing, like that deſcribed in the formation of a fiſtula. He could neither ſit nor lie down with comfort, and his reſt had for many nights been broken. Mr. Langley, his ſurgeon, declared he had no opinion that the Tractors could be uſeful here, but candidly added, that "they could do no harm." The firſt application of them was continued thirty minutes, from the hip to the toes. The patient was in this time relieved, fell aſleep and reſted ſix hours, which was more than he had had from the time of the accident! They were uſed in all five times, in the courſe of the two following days, when the pain gradually abated; the ſwelling went down rapidly, and, at preſent, nothing remains from the accident but a little ſoreneſs."

"CASE II.—*Pain in the Face.*—Mr. LANGLEY, the ſurgeon above mentioned, was a few days after this affair attacked with a violent pain in his face. Though he had not, as he told me afterwards, much faith in the Tractors, yet he determined to try them on himſelf, which he did, and was perfectly cured in *five minutes.* He has permitted me to mention the caſe."

"CASE III.—*White Swelling.*—A ſon of Mr. BORFIELD, a reſpectable farmer here, has a confirmed White Swelling on his knee. This has been attended with a great deal of pain, which has conſtantly ſubſided on the uſe of the Tractors; and although, from the diſeaſed ſtate of the bones, a cure cannot be hoped for, yet the knee has been, for ſome time paſt, very eaſy."

"CASE IV.—*Gout.*—Being myſelf, at times, ſubject to a ſevere pain in the great toe of my right foot, from a Gouty Affection, I uſe the Tractors, and the pain very ſoon and invariably goes off."

THE REV. BENJAMIN WHITMORE,

of Hooknorton, Oxon, Sept. 16th, 1801, *ſtated the following cure to the* Rev. T. GREEN, *of Middleton Cheney, Northamptonſhire, to be ſent to* B. D. PERKINS.

"CASE.—*Violent Inflammation in the Eye.*—WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Northampton, had his Eye very badly wounded by a ſharp piece of Braſs flying into it. Inflammation, ſwelling and pain inſtantly took place to ſuch a degree, that he was fearful of loſing his Sight.—Various means were tried by ſome of the beſt Medical Skill in Northampton, during two days, but in vain. The Tractors were then tried once only and effected a complete cure."

THE REV. JAMES SHUTTLEWORTH,

of Cowling-Hill, near Skipton, Yorkshire, August 18th, 1801,

addressed to B. D. PERKINS, many important observations on the Metallic Practice; but the present limits allow of but the following extract.

"The opportunity first given me of trying the merits of your Tractors, by my worthy friend, the Rev. DR. RIPPON, of Southwark, London, who lent me his set, soon spread their fame in this neighbourhood; for their effects in the cases tried much exceeded our expectations. As soon as my own set came to hand, many persons afflicted applied to me; but no sooner were the simple and contemptible-looking Tractors exhibited to their view, than their confidence was turned to disgust. This, indeed, I find, has been the situation of most of my patients, which proves that if *Imagination* have any concern in the Metallic Practice, it operates against it. But the Tractors, I find, as soon relieve the infidel, the scornful and the contemner, as those who have a better opinion of them.

"The cures most worthy of communicating, are, Three of TOOTH-ACH, two of CHRONIC HEAD-ACH, two BURNS, one severe SCALD, two violent CONTUSIONS, and many Cases of INFLAMED EYES, a disorder very prevalent with us at this time."

[Mr. Shuttleworth next proceeds to detail several Cases, among which are two cures of very obstinate SORE LEGS, of long standing, but we have room only for the following.]

"CASE I.—*Severe Inflammation in an Eye.*—A person had for three years been much afflicted with a rheum about one of her eyes. For ten days before she applied to me, the eye had been so covered with a web, that she could not see at all. Her Physician, who had used a wash, without any benefit, feared the sight was irrecoverably lost: she could neither sleep nor rest from the violence of the pain and inflammation. I applied the Tractors thirty minutes, during which she found great ease, and soon after was enabled to see. I used them again only twice during the two following days, when the eye was well; the pain and inflammation being gone, and the sight restored."

"CASE II.—*Affection of the Eye.*—An infant child had an inflammation in the eye for two months. The ball was much sunk, and of a dark purple color. A large white speck then appeared, which covered half of the sight, and most of the white of the eye. The Physician advised to blister the back of the neck, and then to take off the speck with the knife. The parents however prevailed on me first to try the Tractors, which I did, with but little hope. On the first application, the watery discharge ceased much, and the eye was rendered more plump and bright. The second trial took off the purple color. The third removed a red fibre, which seemed to feed the speck; and the fourth and fifth applications, to my great surprize, removed the speck itself. It is impossible to tell, from the appearance, which of the eyes were affected."

THE REV. HENRY GAUNTLETT,

of Botley, near Southampton, October 7th, 1801, to B. D. PERKINS, *writes*;

"I have had repeated opportunities of trying your Tractors, and of lending them among my neighbours; and have no doubt of their having been serviceable. As I have sufficient evidence to satisfy my mind of the Efficacy of the Metallic Practice, in proper cases, I consider myself bound to recommend it."

HENRY GRIMSTON, ESQ.

of Kensington, London, (late of Etton, Yorkshire,) well known for his numerous Acts of Philanthropy, August 22, 1801, stated to B. D. PERKINS, *the following*

"CASE.—*Very obstinate Chronic Rheumatism.*—A poor widow of the name of Perry, Seventy-two years of age, was for a long time afflicted with the Rheumatism in the Hip, extending down the leg. Since March last, she had been able to hobble about only by the assistance of a staff; I lent her your Tractors, directing her daughter how to use them: after three applications, she was able to walk to town without her staff, and, to use her own expression, I had made her a thousand pounds better. In less than a week she was completely recovered, and a few days since, without a support, walked into Kent, 40 miles, to pick hops."

THE TRACTORS, so necessary in every Family, and among Horses, may be had, with new and improved Directions for using them; rendering the mode of Application perfectly intelligible to every Capacity, for FIVE GUINEAS the Set, of BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS, A. M. the Patentee, in the House of the late JOHN HUNTER, Surgeon, Leicester Square; of FREDERICK SMITH, Chemist and Druggist, in the Haymarket, London; and of CHARLES WHITTELL, Chemist and Druggist, Bridge-street, Chester.——Their portable Nature renders their Conveyance to any part of Great Britain, by Coach, and even by Post, perfectly convenient. Letters (*Post paid*) enclosing their Amount in a Bill or Check, will be punctually attended to.

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